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## Candidate Slammed for Racially Charged, Misogynistic Tweets

By Anna Young

With issues of race and misogyny causing controversy and frayed tensions in the country, a candidate running for the Ossining Village Board has triggered a new round of angst for some in the community.

First-time candidate David Kezafrika, who is running for one of the two open seats on the Village Board under the support of the Working Families Party line, has recently come under fire by residents irked by several questionable posts he made on his Twitter account. Kezafrika, 29, announced his candidacy in September, stating he wants to make a difference in his community.

However, within the last year, more than a dozen posts referencing rape, race, women and drugs were discovered on his Twitter page under the handle



David Kezafrika is running for a seat on the Ossining Village Board on the Working Families Party line.

MajorGloryus. Kezafrika used inappropriate language, such as the N-word, made crude remarks about women being “hoes” and tweeted disparaging remarks about single mothers.

“Why do some of the good looking on the dating sites all have kids?! It’s bad enough that they are Hispanic and black. It says a lot about those minorities. Guys have to put up with even more,” one tweet said.

“Stop letting ni—gas hit just because they bought you a meal,” another tweet read.

Kezafrika also posted that an influx of white people makes him feel “uneasy” and that “white unsuccessful people are trash.”

“Anything is possible when you sound white on the phone #factonly,” another tweet stated.

Some residents believe the tweets are disqualifying as Kezafrika seeks to represent the more than 25,000 people in Ossining.

Ossining resident Laura Whitlinger said Kezafrika’s postings are both jarring and inappropriate, stressing discomfort with him being a district leader with the Ossining Democratic Committee – a party that is supposed to support women, diversity and inclusion, she said.

“These tweets have been floating around Ossining for several months now, shared among women who find the darkness and rancor disturbing, and they find it difficult to talk about,” Whitlinger said. “This kind of bigotry and misogyny needs to be discussed out in the open, and it especially needs to be discussed at the Ossining Democratic Committee meeting.”

Kezafrika told The Northern Westchester Examiner that while residents’ con-

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## Residents Pressure to Stop Relocation Plans for Homeless Shelter

By Anna Young

Peekskill residents are fighting to protect their neighborhood as Caring for the Hungry and Homeless of Peekskill (CHHOP) moves forward with its controversial relocation of the Jan Peek House Shelter.

Following a heavily contentious meeting hosted by CHHOP on Oct. 3, nearly 50 residents gathered on Saturday morning at Brian’s Automotive, a business located adjacent to the proposed relocation site, to share their concerns, urge Peekskill officials to oppose CHHOP’s proposal and discuss alternative locations for the homeless shelter.

“It’s not that we don’t want a homeless shelter, as we keep saying, this is just not the right location for it,” Beth Dee said.

“There’s going to be a lot of demolition and things we need to consider and think about should it get passed. The main objective is to help them find a proper location to make sure everybody is properly cared for.”

CHHOP is currently proposing relocating its year-round, 24-hour shelter for homeless adults in northern Westchester to 851 Washington Street. The shelter, which has operated on 200 North Water Street since 1988, is planning to move in 2020.

CHHOP representative Lorenzo Dominguez told residents at the Oct. 3 forum that their building has been in legal foreclosure since 2016 and the building was set for sale on Oct. 4. He said

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# Funding Shortfall Hurts Local School Districts, Taxpayers

By Anna Young

Westchester Democratic lawmakers gathered last Friday in Ossining to highlight a \$78 million funding shortfall in foundation aid for several area school districts.

As the Ossining School District continues to remain one of the lowest funded districts in the state, Democratic leaders stood outside Roosevelt Elementary School urging residents to vote blue in the Nov. 6 election with the hope of fixing the foundation aid formula and reducing the property tax burden.

"Ossining is one of the poster children for the shortage of foundation aid," 40th Senate District candidate Peter Harckham said. "That shortfall needs to be made up in property taxes."

Under the current formula, Harckham cited at least 19 school districts in Westchester and Putnam counties that aren't receiving enough foundation aid funding and are currently owed \$78 million from the state.

Last year, Ossining received an 8%, or \$884,167 increase, only getting 44% of its allocation of aid, while nearly 275 districts throughout the state received more than 100% to 2,000% of their allocation. The increase brought the districts 2018-19 total to \$11.9 million resulting in a \$15 million gap of what is owed by the state.

According to the Campaign for Fiscal



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Democratic lawmakers gathered last week to highlight \$78 million shortfall in foundation aid for area school districts.

Equity, the Peekskill School District is owed \$14.5 million, with the Lakeland School District owed \$5.7 million and the Brewster School District short \$4.3 million.

"When you have a random formula like this where some districts are funded appropriately, some are above the formula and some are far less, this inequity makes it very burdensome for property taxpayers," Harckham said. "The educational mission of the state should be equal opportunity for every student regardless of the zip code they live in, and the same goes for taxpayers."

Harckham noted that the Hendrick Hud-

son School District only receives 53% of foundation aid, the Pleasantville Union Free School District receives 58% and the Somers School Districts gets 52%.

Officials are confident residents will recognize the disparity and put Democrats in control of the state Senate, where Harckham and Senator David Carlucci (D-Clarkstown) believe they can resolve the hefty shortfall. Harckham added that he would like to see funding for full-day universal pre-K and other programs, accusing Republican incumbent Senator Terrence Murphy (R-Yorktown) of focusing his efforts on increasing charter school funding.

Assemblywoman Sandy Galef (D-Ossining) added that the discrepancy with foundation aid was caused by Republican senators. She said the Democratic-controlled Assembly continues to press for mandating more equitable aid for Westchester, but Senate Republican leaders have repeatedly voted it down.

"Unless we have a democratic Senate, we are not going to solve this problem of foundation aid," Galef said. "It will help you as a taxpayer."

Murphy spokesperson Martha Ruiz Jiménez said Harckham's pleas would return power in the Senate Chamber to those who created the funding formula. While Demo-

crats held the majority in 2010, Jiménez said New York City Senators created the Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA) to close the state's budget deficit, which divided and reduced education funding throughout the state.

During Murphy's tenure, Jiménez said he has been successful in restoring over \$124.7 million in GEA cuts and increasing foundation aid annually, providing \$205 million this year in school aid and more than \$700 million overall.

"The leader of the Senate Democrats is from Westchester and in 12 years has never lifted a finger to address the flawed regional cost index affecting foundation aid and high-tax aid, which are vital to offset costs to school districts and property taxpayers," Jiménez said. "Why would we trust that if they held the majority again, things would be any different?"

County legislator Catherine Borgia (D-Ossining) said the problem with inequality has impacted residents for several years. She said the foundation aid formula is a "flawed system."

"When schools are underfunded they are forced to make decisions that shortchange our children," Borgia said. "People struggle to pay their property taxes and it is not fair for us to not receive the proper level of foundation aid."

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cerns are valid, his Twitter postings are not a true representation of his character. As an environmental specialist and a 15-year resident who emigrated from Africa and graduated from the Ossining School District, Kezafrika said he wants to represent those who don't have a voice and bring a new sustainable vision to Ossining.

"I can ensure people that this is in no way even reflective of my character as an Ossining resident and a person," Kezafrika said. "I don't generally talk like this or have these types of views."

While Kezafrika acknowledged his postings were wrong, he said they could be taken out of context, stating that he was referencing television shows and radio programs. He said he could have used hashtags or highlighted what he was referencing when he posted the tweets to add further context. Kezafrika also said he could have written the posts better.

"Rape an atheist till the B—ch say Our Father #SeanP" is the only post where Kezafrika quotes and hashtags his tweet is a lyric from a song.

"When it's all said and done, I uphold a sense of professionalism in anything I do," Kezafrika said. "Those tweets, as unprofessional as they are, they don't represent the deep respect I have for my community."

Croton-on-Hudson resident Heidi Franco, whose children attend St. Augustine School in Ossining, said she found Kezafrika's tweets extremely disturbing. She also expressed disappointment that Ossining Democrats have refused to make a statement about his behavior or hold Kezafrika accountable for his actions.

The Ossining Democratic Committee leader, Trustee candidate Manuel Quezada, and Ossining Trustee and mayoral candidate Omar Herrera, who is friends with Kezafrika and publicly supported his campaign, were all provided a sampling of Kezafrika's tweets and did not respond for comment.

"We don't want to elect people to local office that have publicly demonstrated a lack of respect for women, period," Ossining Mayor Victoria Gearity said. "That is something voters should know about as they consider casting their ballots."

Ossining Trustee Rika Levin, who is running against Kezafrika in the Nov. 6 election, said that while she doesn't know Kezafrika very well, she found his postings to be "sexist and quite racist."

"Given the national landscape we've been going through, it's totally inappropriate," Levin said. "I don't know how to

react to it."

Franco suggested Kezafrika take some time to grow up, take accountability and reflect on what should be posted on social media and how people will react to it. She added that Kezafrika is not a good symbol of what the Working Families Party stands for, and that he needs "serious help."

"My eight-year-old son has better judgment than this," Franco said. "A lot of men are disgusting, and we need to start cleaning up these men who think they can talk and act a certain way."



Screen shot of controversial tweet made by Kezafrika during the past several months.

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# Somers Town Board Votes to End Condo Tax Reduction

By Neal Rentz

The Somers Town Board voted unanimously on Oct. 4 to approve a resolution to prohibit homeowners associations from obtaining large tax cuts after they convert their properties into condominiums.

Town Attorney Roland Baroni told the Town Board last week the purpose of the legislation was to keep property taxes unchanged for properties HOAs convert to condominiums. Without the legislation, properties converted into condos could have their property taxes reduced by 40 to 50 percent because condos are assessed differently than private homes under state regulations, he said.

The legislation will "only affect the town portion of the tax," Baroni noted. The Somers School District will need to pass its own resolution to prohibit lower taxes for properties converted into condos, he said. School taxes represent 80 percent of a Somers property tax bill.

Councilman William Faulkner asked Baroni how the school district can protect itself from property tax losses from properties converted into condos. The process requires the Board of Education to approve a binding resolution, Baroni said.

Baroni said the town legislation will be submitted to the office of the Westchester



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

The Somers Town Board voted Oct. 4 to prohibit homeowners associations from converting their properties into condominiums for the purpose of getting a property tax cut.

County clerk, which will transfer it to the office of the state attorney general for its approval.

There are municipalities in Westchester County in which HOAs have converted their properties into condos in

an effort to obtain lower property taxes, Baroni said.

No residents spoke during last week's public hearing, which was closed by the Town Board prior to passing the legislation.

A copy of the town's legislation will be sent to the Somers Board of Education so it can be used as a guide for its own potential binding resolution.

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# Residents Pressure to Stop Relocation Plans for Homeless Shelter

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CHHOP was in search of a stable and secure location for its residents.

The building on Washington Street was purchased by CHHOP for about \$900,000 and is in dire need of expensive repairs and restorations. Besides needing approvals from the city's planning and zoning boards, they need a special use permit from the Common Council.

Peekskill Mayor Andre Rainey and Councilwoman Vanessa Agudelo have signed a petition in support of the relocation, residents said. They also noted that CHHOP Executive Director Cynthia Knox was on Rainey's transition team, CHHOP vice chair Ruth Wells currently serves on the Planning Commission and Wells' husband, James Knight, is vice chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

"That's a conflict of interest," said Brian Dee, owner of Brian's Automotive.

CHHOP has said the new location would provide a safer environment for residents to ensure they stay on the premises. Residents will be provided with dorm-style rooms, a kitchen, and a common area for programs and emergency services during the day. Currently, residents must leave the shelter at 6 a.m. on most days because CHHOP does not have space to accommodate them.

Other plans for the new facility include moving the entrance to the back of the building, as well as creating a covered outdoor and enclosed space. Project architect Duo Dickinson said that several locations were considered, but the building on Washington Avenue has positive and very sensitive aspects that provide enormous flexibility for design.

However, neighboring residents fear the ramifications of having a homeless shelter placed in a residential neighborhood. During Saturday's meeting, residents said they feel unsafe with the relocation, adding concern for their children, the roughly 20 businesses in the area and the risk of property values dropping.

"If that goes in there, property values will go down and people will not want to come to the restaurants and the businesses because those people are going to wander the streets when they throw them out or they just hang out here and do nothing," Brian Dee said. "It's just going to affect everything."

Dee added that he is in contact with a lawyer to fight the relocation.

"CHHOP has made it very clear they have no desire to change their mind," Rachel Fenty said. "They don't care. They are dead set on this building."

Kyle Knapp, owner of Kyles Pub on

810 Washington Avenue, said he has experienced problems with the people visiting Westchester County Social Services, also on Washington Avenue. Knapp said someone wielded a hatchet through his window following a bad experience with social services, adding that he was in the process of hiring security.

With 171 homes and more than five school bus stops located near the proposed location, residents are also irked with possible sex offenders or addicts roaming the streets where children play. They also cited that the current shelter made roughly 100 phone calls to the Peekskill Police Department in one year, with calls concerning overdose, assault and altercations within the last three months.

"My kids play outside, they play across the street with another half dozen kids," Scott Many said. "I want to know that I can trust to have my kids outside playing and not be worried about somebody who got thrown out (of the shelter) who's really in crisis and is now roaming the neighborhood."

Many added that he has already seen suitcases in the neighboring woods and fears that more will appear in the woods and parks when the shelter moves into the neighborhood.

"The only power we have is in numbers," said Lindsey Fitzgerald, who is spearheading a petition with over 800 signatures to stop the relocation. "We have to keep the pressure on."

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# Sex Abuse Victim Discusses Her Life in Carmel

By Neal Rentz

According to the National Human Trafficking Resource Center, commercial sexual exploitation of children is "A National Epidemic."

The Center quoted studies that indicated 100,000 children are used in prostitution annually; 300,000 youths are at risk for commercial sexual exploitation every year and one-third of teens will be approached by an exploiter within two to three days of becoming homeless.

For Jen Spry sexual exploitation of children is more than just a series of depressing and devastating statistics, it is her life story.

Safe Harbour Putnam County presented "Human Trafficking in America: A Survivor's Story" on Oct. 10, at the Putnam County Training and Operations Center auditorium in Carmel.

Safe Harbour Putnam County is a program of the county's Department of Social Services. It provides support and services to youth survivors of human trafficking and those at risk of being trafficked.

Spry discussed her two-and-a-half years of abuse as a child at the hands of a neighbor growing up in Pennsylvania and how she was able to survive and become a registered nurse, an entrepreneur, author, and international speaker.

Despite the large number of young victims of human trafficking there are in the United States, "Many of us don't know it exists," Spry said.

Spry vividly recalled how she became trapped into prostitution. "I was only eight-years-old when a stranger moved next door," she said.

Spry said her neighbor, who lived four doors away from her house, lured her to come to his house by treating her to a snack and later enticed her by giving her money, despite her initial apprehension about going to her neighbor's home.

"My mom had no idea" about what was going on, Spry said.

Spry would go to the neighbor's house everyday after the school day ended at 3 p.m. She was forced into prostitution



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Jen Spry discussed her experience of being a victim of child sexual exploitation on Oct. 10 at the Putnam County Training and Operations Center in Carmel.

along with other children who were raped at the home. While being exploited Spry said she was "scared to death," afraid of what the neighbor would do to her if she reported him.

"Everywhere I went I looked over my shoulder," Spry said.

The sexploitation of Spry and other children by her neighbor ended when she was 10 because the neighbor moved away and never had another encounter with Spry.

Spry said she eventually found out what ultimately happened to her former neighbor but declined to say it during last week's program.

There were many signs of abuse on her, including bite marks and scratches from the men who raped her, but no one, including her mother, knew what had happened to her, Spry said.

While her exploitation ended after two-and-a-half years, her trauma impacted her life for many years, Spry said. Though she never encountered her neighbor after he left the area, Spry said she for years feared he would come back to get her. "I felt so damaged by what had happened," Spry said.

"People knew something was wrong," but did not know what exactly had happened, Spry said.

Spry said she engaged in "at risk" behavior including working in a massage parlor and having sex in exchange for beer for her friends.

In 2009 Spry said she decided "to face my childhood" and went to a private hospital for help. The following year she joined an anti-trafficking coalition in Arizona to begin her advocacy.

Spry said she never told her late moth-

er about being exploited because she did not want to break her heart.

Spry went to college to prepare to become a nurse and made the Dean's List. She won a "Nurse of the Year" award in 20014. She also began public speaking about what she had experienced.

"I got to be a voice for those children who cry in silence," she said.

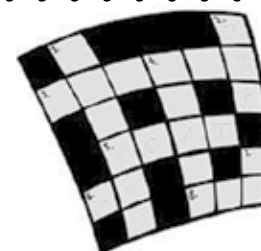
Spry works with advocates for children, social workers, medical professionals, and law enforcement with the tools needed to foster the trust of vulnerable victims in order to provide medical care, interventions, safety, and restoration, according to her Web site.

Spry said in 2017 she spoke at the United Nations in her capacity as international adviser on child sex trafficking in America.

Spry is also a successful businesswoman who owns three US patents with a Registered Trademark and Design Logo. She is combining her business experiences and personal passion to create opportunities for survivors to be successful, as stated on her Web site.

Spry told those in attendance that if they suspect a child is being exploited, "You are my hope. You are the voice for these children."

Spry's Web site is [JenSpry.com](http://JenSpry.com).



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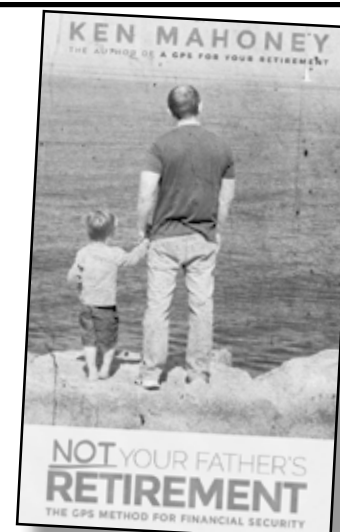
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## Letters to the Editor

# Murphy's Apathy on Women's Reproductive Rights is Appalling

### To the Editor:

It is no longer a question of whether or not one voted for Trump. That election is long over. The question is whether or not one is satisfied right now, today, with the agenda that is being inflicted on us from Washington. With the recent confirmation of Judge Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court, the war on women is alive and well, and our Republican state Sen. Terrence Murphy is leading the

charge locally in Senate District 40.

With enough daily mailers to wallpaper the garage, Murphy likes to brag about how much he's done for women. When it comes to reproductive freedom, Murphy remains deliberately ignorant, impotent, propped up by his staff and uninterested.

Reproductive freedom is a right, and Terrence Murphy, awash in apathy, is nothing short of complicit in the attempt to strip women of those rights. He has

refused to support the Reproductive Health Act, a bill that would protect reproductive rights in New York. He has refused to support the Comprehensive Contraception Coverage Act, a bill that would remove barriers to emergency contraception. Anti-choice AND anti-contraception. This is not a person who cares about the lives of women; this is a person who cares to control the lives of women.

Peter Harckham is the pro-choice Democrat candidate running against Murphy. He has been endorsed by the Westchester Coalition for Legal Abortion and Planned Parenthood and has deemed reproductive rights a priority.

On Nov. 6, vote Terrence Murphy out, and Peter Harckham in.

**ELISE-ANN KONSTANTIN**  
Cortlandt Manor

## Sen. Murphy's Extreme NRA Position on Gun Control

### To the Editor:

Republican Senator Murphy has a 93% rating from the NRA and has co-sponsored legislation to repeal the SAFE Act, a 2013 gun control statute that passed the NY Senate and Assembly with significant Republican support. The SAFE Act includes limits on the use of assault weapons but sensibly protects hunting and target shooting.

Since then, additional legislation

barring guns from the mentally ill and people convicted of domestic violence, enhancing background checks, and banning bump stocks, which were used in the Las Vegas massacre to convert semi-automatic weapons to automatic ones, have been approved by the NY Assembly. Julie Killian, now the Republican candidate for Lieutenant Governor, said earlier this year that she does not support repeal of any part of the SAFE ACT and

would support additional gun control measures. Murphy's opponent for the Senate, Democrat Pete Harckham, also favors these measures.

Murphy, however, has co-sponsored legislation to REPEAL the SAFE Act and, like the Republican Senate leadership, opposes the Assembly's additional gun control legislation. Since the Senate Majority Leader elected this coming January will largely control which bills

come to a vote in the Senate during 2019 and 2020, passing additional gun control legislation will be extremely difficult as long as Republicans maintain their functional majority in the Senate. Your vote for Pete Harckham will help elect a Democratic Senate Majority Leader and enable sensible gun control legislation.

**JONATHAN KRATTER,**  
Cortlandt Manor

## Pete Harckham Is Campaigning on the Issues

### To the Editor:

State Senator Terrence Murphy's Trump-like lies and baseless smears have begun.

While his opponent, Democrat Pete Harckham, is campaigning on important issues like access to affordable healthcare, infrastructure improvements, codifying women's reproductive rights into New York State Law, holding the line on taxes, protecting the environment, passing the Child Victim's Act and keeping citizens safe from gun violence, Murphy has resorted to mudslinging to distract from his own miserable record.

When you have few accomplishments other than helping to hold up important legislation — legislation that would improve the lives of your constituents

and every New Yorker — it's easy to resort to attacking your opponent, even if you have to lob slanderous lies to do so.

Pete Harckham is an honorable candidate with a long history of legislative achievement and integrity. The Hudson Valley needs an experienced State Senator to pass important legislation rather than oppose it; who puts the citizens of his district first, rather than himself; and, who can be trusted to tell the truth.

On November 6th, let's elect Pete Harckham to the State Senate, and send our current Senator, who spews lies and slurs, packing.

**NANCY FINK HUEHNERGARTH,**  
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## Thank You for the Beautiful Yorktown Festival

### To the Editor:

Our 10th Anniversary Annual Yorktown Chamber of Commerce Festival & Street Fair this past weekend was once again a huge success by any measure. I want to express my great appreciation to our major sponsors which included: Fidelis Care, Camp Nabby, Yorktown News, The Northern Westchester Examiner, and Burger King, as well as to the many, many vendors who participated to make it a fantastic event! Further, we owe a debt of gratitude to Yorktown Police Chief Robert Noble and his entire department for keeping us safe throughout the day,

Fire Chief Jay Swart, heading up the best volunteer fire department in New York State, the Yorktown Ambulance Corps who were there to address any medical emergencies (fortunately none arose) and, under the direction of Al Paisano, I also want to thank all the town employees who helped throughout the day to keep our event spotlessly clean.

In closing I just like to say when a town comes together beautiful things happen and the Yorktown Chamber of Commerce's Festival and Street Fair is proof of that.

**ERIC DIBARTOLO,**  
President

## HV Chamber Supports Public Private Partnership of Airport

### To the Editor:

The Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce representing over 500 businesses and organizations supports the Public Private Partnership of Westchester County Airport.

The facts about the Public Private Partnership for Westchester County Airport have been obscured. The clear facts regarding the proposed Partnership for the County Airport (HPN) are:

1. It will release locked up revenue to benefit beleaguered taxpayers.
2. Improve the airport's infrastructure

without any increase in the terminal size or the number of gates.

3. Maintain the County's ownership of the airport.

4. The County government has never operated the airport. Since 1946 it has entered a series of operating agreements with management companies.

5. Better protects the environment and watershed.

6. Enhances the passenger experience.

7. Maintains County control over any growth, structural changes or the

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## Business of the Week

By Neal Rentz

Mahopac resident Debbie Albanese recalled last week, "I've always loved doing pottery. I used to do pottery at home."

Since there were no other pottery businesses operating in the local area, Albanese said she opened Westchester Putnam Pottery in Mahopac in 2014. She decided to move the business to Jefferson Valley in June because she felt it was a better location with "a lot more activity here." Her former location was in a spot that was difficult to be seen by the public, Albanese said.

Albanese named her business Westchester Putnam Pottery because her customer base is from both counties and because her former Mahopac location was near the Somers border.

Albanese said her business, located just off the Taconic State Parkway, is centrally located and her customers generally live in northern Westchester and Putnam County.

Previously, Albanese owned a pet day care center.

Westchester Putnam Pottery is a pottery and glass fusion studio. The glass fusion process uses pieces of glass that

# Westchester Putnam Pottery Jefferson Valley



NEAL RENTZ/PHOTO

Mahopac resident Debbie Albanese moved Westchester Putnam Pottery to Jefferson Valley in June.

are fired, melted into each other and made into shapes, Albanese explained.

Non-toxic glaze paints are used to color the pottery pieces, so people will be

able to drink eat or off them. Following the painting Albanese fires the pottery for 24 hours at nearly 2,000 degrees. The molds, which Albanese makes herself or

purchases from other artists, are created with liquid clay called slip, she noted.

Albanese said she typically creates 50 pottery molds in a day and it takes two to three days to dry them. The molds are then cleaned, fired and a put on a shelf, she said, adding, "It's a lot of work."

Customers can paint already formed pottery pieces on their own or take classes, Albanese said.

Patrons can also make scented candles with soy wax. "You make your own scent. We have 25 scents and you put your own scent in when you make the candle," Albanese said.

The business also offers canvas painting programs, a variety of birthday parties and programs for Boy and Girl Scout troops.

The pottery business does fundraising for the SPCA in Mahopac.

Albanese said she enjoys her work, which she described as upbeat. "I never get bored of it," she said. "I always have something to do."

*Westchester Putnam Pottery is located at 3685 Hill Blvd. in Jefferson Valley. For more information call 845-628-2127 or visit <http://westchesterputnampottery.com>.*

# Coalition Submits Letter to IRS to Fight SALT Deduction Cap

By Anna Young

A growing coalition of municipalities and school districts partnered to challenge proposed regulations created by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that would prevent residents from deducting state and local taxes (SALT) on their federal tax returns.

The Coalition for the Charitable Contribution Deduction, comprised of close to three-dozen Westchester municipalities and school districts, submitted a letter to the IRS before the deadline for comments requesting the proposed regulations be withdrawn. The regulations would deny a full charitable deduction for donations to the charitable funds.

Assemblywoman Amy Paulin (D-Scarsdale), who spearheads the coalition, said it was necessary to protest the IRS' actions with the potential threat to taxpayers struggling to remain in their communities.

"Charitable reserve funds serving a public mission and encouraged by tax credits have proven to be a critical tool for taxpayers and local governments alike," Paulin said. "These proposed regulations break IRS precedent and undermine the effectiveness of the new charitable fund established."

The coalition is comprised of Westchester, Nassau and Suffolk counties and 34

Westchester school districts and municipalities, including New Castle, Bedford, Ossining, North Salem, Lewisboro and White Plains. Local school districts include, the Pleasantville School District, White Plains, Ossining, Briarcliff Manor and Byram Hills.

The Brewster Central School District in Putnam County has also joined the coalition.

The submitted letter takes aim at the legal reasoning and abandonment of past IRS precedent that underpins the proposed regulations. The group hopes to persuade the Treasury Department and the IRS to withdraw the regulations and preserve full deductibility for voluntary contributions.

"This letter reminds the IRS that they do not have the authority from Congress to upend longstanding principles of tax law and, in the process, harm so many New Yorkers and the local governments and school districts that serve them," Assemblyman David Buchwald (D-White Plains) said.

If the proposed regulations become final, the coalition, which is currently working with the law firm of Baker McKenzie, is threatening to file a federal lawsuit.

Westchester County Executive

George Latimer said the proposed regulations will significantly harm county residents. Roughly 38 percent of taxpayers would be negatively affected by the SALT proposal and could see an estimated 25 percent increase on their federal taxes.

"While the federal government claims only 5 percent of the nation will be impacted by the new limits on charitable deductions, we know here in Westchester that is not the case," Latimer said. "These regulations will hurt our working families, our property values and our way of life."

The new federal tax code signed into law last year by President Donald Trump puts a \$10,000 cap on SALT deductions. State lawmakers passed legislation in March that was designed to help residents who were disadvantaged by the new federal tax law. This allowed municipalities and school districts to set up charitable reserve gift funds to which taxpayers would contribute to government or school districts instead of paying their property taxes.

In return, they would receive tax-deductible credits equal to 95 percent of their donations.

But the IRS issued proposed regulations in August that would severely

restrict homeowners from taking advantage of the deduction. Under the proposed regulations, a taxpayer who makes payments or transfers property to an entity eligible to receive tax deductible contributions must reduce their charitable deduction by the amount of any state or local tax credit the taxpayer receives or expects to receive.

Pleasantville Superintendent Mary Fox-Alter said the proposed regulations are illogical, place an undue burden on the states' ability to provide public education and public services and greatly diminish the federal government's fiscal responsibility. She said officials have a fiduciary responsibility to families and taxpayers to explore a voluntary contribution system.

While White Plains Mayor Thomas Roach and Bedford Supervisor Chris Burdick are hopeful the coalition's concerns will prompt the IRS to withdraw the proposed regulations. North Salem Supervisor Warren Lucas stressed that the law needs to allow full deductions for all individual taxpayers.

"This is double taxation at its worst," Lucas said. "Taxing people on money they already paid in taxes with no income thresholds protecting those who are vulnerable is bad government."

## Obituaries

### Ralph D'Aliso

Ralph J. D'Aliso, formerly of Jefferson Village, died peacefully after a long beautiful life on Oct. 8, surrounded by his loving family. He was 98.

Born on Feb. 13, 1920 to the late Salvatore and Maria D'Aliso, he went on to marry his best friend and love of his life Marion on Jan. 9, 1944 and together they were blessed with two sons.

Mr. D'Aliso was born in a time when people loved and valued God, family and country. He was a respected and honored veteran who proudly served our country during World War II. Before his retirement in 1982 he worked for Con Edison. He will be remembered always for being loving, kind, caring and devoted to his family and friends. To know Ralph was to love him.

He is survived by the love of his life his wife of over 74 years, Marion (Antonaccio) D'Aliso, his cherished sons Louis. S D'Aliso (Patricia) of Mahopac, and Anthony D'Aliso (Denise) of Keller, TX, his sisters Esther Vitaliano and Ann Orlando, as well as many nieces and nephews. He was a devoted and beloved grandfather to Ralph, Tracey, Steven, Gina and Christopher and his 13 great-grandchildren who each had their own

special place in his heart. He was happiest when he was with his wife, children, grand and great grandchildren.

He will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him and will be remembered for being a loving devoted family man, who leaves his family and friends a lifetime of happy memories.

### Mary Treacy

Mary C. Treacy, a resident of Croton-on-Hudson, died peacefully on Oct. 7 at her home. She was 88.

She was born Dec. 20, 1929 in Tuosist Killarney, County Kerry, Ireland. She emigrated to NYC from Lithland England, March 13, 1950, and married William Treacy June 30, 1951. She became a U.S. citizen May 9, 1955.

Mrs. Treacy was a licensed cosmetologist and a small business owner of a beauty salon in East Durham, NY. Additionally, she worked for the NYC police department, Brown, Harris and Stevens and retired from the VA hospital in Montrose. She often volunteered at many local organizations. She was a warm, kind and caring friend. Everyone who knew her loved her humor and gift of gab. She was a true blessing to walk this Earth.

She was predeceased by husband, Bill

and her loving son Liam. She is survived by her daughter, Eileen and loving son Sean and his wife Susan; and six grandchildren, Caitlin, Kerry, Rory, Erin, Liam and Connor. She was the loving companion of Tony Trozzi for the past 11 years.

### Gennaro Marzano

Gennaro Marzano, a longtime resident of Somers, died Oct. 7. He was 88.

He was born in Pozzuoli, Italy on Feb. 26, 1930. He was the son of Edward and Maria Marzano and immigrated to the USA in 1946. He retired from Alitalia Airlines in 1993. He enjoyed gardening, fishing and baking.

Mr. Marzano is the beloved husband of Eugenia (nee Calo) and the loving father of Maryanne Borden (Jeffrey) and Gina Inzero (Chris). He is the devoted grandfather of Isabella and Alexa. He was predeceased by his sister, Anna Pontillo and his brother, Edward.

### Jennifer Goldie

Jennifer Motta Goldie, a resident of Ossining, died Oct. 9. She was 49.

She was born in Tarrytown, on Oct. 9, 1969 to Diana and Raymond Motta. She is survived by her loving husband Davie Goldie, her beloved children Jessica, Melissa, and Davie, her siblings Mary, Jimmy and Bobby Asta and Michael Motta. She was a loving aunt of Michael and

Tommy Tarchine, Christopher Motta, CJ and Stevie Goldie, Chris and Brianna Asta, Christina Riley and Joseph Picucci. Her loving and warm spirit will be forever in our hearts and missed dearly.

### Herbert Reimann

Herbert A. Reimann, a resident of Somers, died Oct. 8. He was 55.

He was by education and training a Certified Public Accountant but by love a man of innovation. There never was a project too difficult for Herb whether it was designing and building a wishing well from scratch or creating a backdrop for a Marching Band Field Show. Some of his proudest and most memorable creations were his annual shows for the Blue & Gold Dinners for the Cub Scout Den he headed from Tigers to Advanced Webelos - each one surpassing the other. As a Somers Lion, he chaired the annual Carnival (where he was given the nickname "HERBINATOR") as well as the chair (and mastermind) of the now annual Trail of Terror.

His proudest accomplishments are, however, his four children: Victoria, Gabrielle, Jessica and Matthew. Everyone who had the pleasure of knowing Herb heard tales of their numerous accomplishments whether at school, at a band competition, rugby game or track invitational.

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# Hendrick Hudson Athletics Class of 2018 Hall of Fame Inductees

On Sept. 29, the Hendrick Hudson Hall of Fame Committee inducted its Class of 2018 into the Hen Hud Athletic Hall of Fame. The inductees were celebrated at the 13th annual Hall of Fame banquet, held at Hendrick Hudson High School.

This year, the committee honored one of the most dominating eras, not only in Hendrick Hudson history, but also in all of New York State Public High School Athletic Association's history. Hen Hud's three undefeated New York State Champion Volleyball teams from 2006, 2007 and 2008, along with many individual team members, will be enshrined into the Hall of Fame. Following the banquet, the Hendrick Hudson varsity volleyball team took on Westlake High School.

Athletic Director Tom Baker said, "Each fall, many people in our community look forward to Hall of Fame Weekend. This year, to be able to honor one of the most dominating eras I have ever witnessed in high school sports, with our three-time New York State Champion volleyball teams and many of its participants, is truly rewarding. Our Hall of Fame Committee works diligently every year to ensure a very special weekend, and I am sure this year will be no different."



2006 Volleyball State Championship Team

**This year's inductees are:**

2006 Volleyball State  
Championship Team  
2007 Volleyball State  
Championship Team  
2008 Volleyball State  
Championship Team

Class of 1998- Kim Eagens  
Class of 2005- Maggie Wright  
Class of 2006- Alysha Fanning  
Class of 2007- Jessica Harris  
Class of 2007- Lindsey Hock  
Class of 2008- Nicole Tamburri  
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# Songwriter Provides Young Talent Chance to Shine

By Martin Wilbur

Kara DioGuardi's time as an "American Idol" judge in 2009 and 2010 may have been relatively brief but it gave her the impetus to do something special to help young people.

The Grammy-nominated songwriter and Westchester native has used her experience from the show and in the music industry to launch a vocal competition featuring young talent in New England where she now lives and in the tristate area through the nonprofit organization Inspired Nation that DioGuardi co-founded.

Paramount Hudson Valley in Peekskill will be the venue for the second annual Tri-State Rocks on Sunday, Oct. 28, where 12- to 21-year-olds will be competing for small cash prizes and a Berklee College of Music summer sessions scholarships, where DioGuardi also teaches.

"It gave me the idea to put together a nonprofit to celebrate youth," said DioGuardi of her time on "American Idol." "While I loved being on the show I wish I had more contact with the contestants. I wish I had been able to give them more feedback and help them with their artistic vision."

"I just realized that there were so many fine artists out there who use music to convey their thoughts about the world and that there is a certain power that you have," she said. "I think they're underserved in the sense that they don't really have platforms to tell their stories and they have a lot of great things to say, and especially since they're going to be inheriting the world, let's listen to them."

There is still time for contestants from the tristate area to enter and be considered for the show, DioGuardi said. The deadline for submissions is Monday, Oct. 22. Anyone interested must submit a videotape of a performance of either an original song or a cover. The video must be no longer than 90 seconds and should be an individual performance with no backing from musicians.

Finalists will be selected on Tuesday, Oct. 23 and notified by e-mail for inclusion in the Oct. 28 show at the Paramount. DioGuardi will be one of the judges along with Atlantic Record President Pete Ganbarg and Leslie Stifelman, the music director of the show "Chicago."

"Vocal ability is probably the number one thing, but (also) presence, performance and personality," DioGuardi said of what judges are looking for.

Of equal importance are the four organizations that will split the proceeds from the event. Maria Fareri Children's Hospital in Valhalla, Sunrise Day Camp in Pearl River, Art Start in New York City, which brings creative workshops to children in homeless shelters, and Kids Helping Kids, an outfit that encourages middle school and high school students to create community service projects,

will be the beneficiaries.

Last year's event raised about \$55,000 for the participating charities.

Tickets to Tri-State Rocks are \$20 and \$30. VIP tickets go for \$100. DioGuardi said there are donor tickets available for those who would have difficulty buying tickets. Show time is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. The Paramount is located at 1008 Brown St. in Peekskill.

For more information on the show, including tickets, and how to submit entries for consideration, visit [www.inspirednation.org](http://www.inspirednation.org).



Former "American Idol" judge Kara DioGuardi, center, surrounded by finalists from the inaugural Tri-State Rocks vocal competition for 12- to 21-year-olds last year at a concert at the Elizabeth Sexton Pediatric Center. The second Tri-State Rocks will take place on Oct. 28 at the Paramount Hudson Valley in Peekskill.



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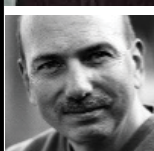
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# Forest O' Fears Opens in Ossining Just Before Halloween

By Anna Young

Halloween is creeping into Ossining next weekend as the town presents the fifth annual Forest O' Fears haunted attraction.

The event, which will take place at Cedar Lane Park in Ossining on Friday, Oct. 26 and Saturday, Oct. 27, will take attendees through a two-story Garage of Horror and that will lead to a haunted hayride through the Forest of Fears, which will provide enough nightmares to last until Thanksgiving. Executive Director Fern Quezada said the haunted attraction is restricted to those ages 13 and older due visual and audio disturbances and scary images.

"This design will provide scary scenarios that will play on your fears of the dark and confined spaces," explained Quezada. "I was so excited creating the two-story haunted garage. I scared myself in there."

Along with the frightening attractions, the park's football field will be transformed into a Haunted Halloween Village. There, attendees can enjoy carnival games, a solar powered merry-go-round, food, drinks, a balloon corn maze, music by DJ Johnny G and entertainment for all ages, including a fire display performed by Flaming Barrel of Monkeys Entertainment.



At Forest O' Fears scary scenarios will play on your fears of the dark.

In addition, visitors can wander through a haunted enclosure and take a ride through the forbidden forest. A kid-friendly hayride will also be provided.

The Halloween Village is free for haunted attraction ticket holders, Quezada said. For non-ticket holders it will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Tickets will include five free game passes. Four additional game passes can be purchased for \$1.

With roughly 130 volunteers, Quezada said skilled actors will provide enough

thrills for everyone to enjoy.

"Our goal is to provide a safe experience that is good and fun for the whole family and really puts you in the Halloween spirit," Quezada said. "With haunted attractions that are overtly scary or not scary enough, we're right in the middle. We have the scary effects as well as providing

things for families to do together."

Quezada added that the event wouldn't be possible or successful without the support of the Town of Ossining, Town Supervisor Dana Levenberg, the town board, the Park and Recreation department, and the events coordinators and volunteers.

"Without all of their support and help this event wouldn't be what it's become today," said Quezada, who added the ticket sales have increased from 400

tickets a night to 700 this year. "Without them I would not be getting anything done."

Forest O' Fears will take place on Friday, Oct. 26 and Saturday, Oct. 27 from 7 to 10 p.m. at Cedar Lane Park in Ossining. Appropriate attire is requested. No flip-flops. The event is cash only.

It is recommended attendees purchase tickets for the Forest O' Fears haunted attraction online prior to the event. Tickets are \$18 online and \$20 in cash the night of the event. The Halloween Village is free for haunted attraction ticket holders. For non-ticket holders, it will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Tickets will include five free game passes. Four additional game passes can be purchased for \$1.

Guests will experience audio and visual disturbances, low visibility, strobe lights, fog, damp and/or wet conditions, and encounter uneven walking surfaces in a physically demanding environment. Those who are pregnant, suffer from claustrophobia, heart, back or respiratory problems, or are prone to seizures should not participate in the haunted attraction. All guests will voluntarily assume all risks and dangers associated with each attraction.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [www.forestofears.org/](http://www.forestofears.org/).

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# Is Your Revocable Trust Flexible?

**By Salvatore M. Di Costanzo**

Change is inevitable, and it comes in many shapes and sizes. Death, disability, and divorce are three of the most common changes in life that can wreak havoc on an estate plan. If your estate plan is not flexible, there could be unintended consequences.

For example, there is a possibility that we may all fall ill and require care



at home or in a nursing home. Intending to avoid exhausting all your assets, it might be prudent to apply for Medicaid. To create Medicaid eligibility, the assets in your revocable trust may need to be transferred to another individual, such as a spouse, or

to a trust. At this point, you may have not only fallen ill, but you may have also lost your capacity. I have reviewed many trusts where upon the creator's incapacity, the assets of the revocable trust can no longer be distributed from the trust. In essence, the assets are frozen, and no Medicaid planning can be implemented. To avoid this situation, your revocable trust should include language allowing the successor trustee, upon your incapacity, to transfer the trust assets to your children, a spouse, or to a trust. By allowing for these transfers, Medicaid eligibility can be achieved.

Another situation that cannot be reasonably foreseen at the time of drafting is the ability or willingness of a successor trustee to act. When drafting, it is prudent to appoint multiple successor trustees. What if the trustees you have selected years earlier, however, have no desire to serve as trustee? Your revocable trust must have proper language allowing for the resignation and appointment of successor trustees. Often, little time is spent on crafting this type of language. Most trusts simply name the successor trustees with nothing more. If a trustee of a trust does not want to serve, and there is no mechanism to appoint a successor trustee, Court involvement is inevitable.

Considering that we may all fall ill and require care, it's curious that most estate plans do not contemplate the possibility of a beneficiary becoming disabled. I am often consulted by families of beneficiaries who stand to inherit assets

from an estate while these beneficiaries are also receiving Medicaid benefits. The receipt of an inheritance will likely render a Medicaid recipient ineligible for Medicaid. A simple solution is to include a supplemental needs trust in your estate plan. The assets within the supplemental needs trust are protected for Medicaid eligibility purposes. Commonly referred to as a "trigger supplemental needs trust," its provisions would go into effect if a beneficiary is disabled at the time they are to inherit from an estate. Since we have no idea whether a

beneficiary will become disabled, I include trigger supplemental needs trusts in all my estate planning documents, including revocable trusts.

Finally, with the divorce rate being so high, it may be prudent for your revocable trust to provide that upon your death, the trust's assets are to be distributed to lifetime trusts for the benefit of your children. If the assets are distributed to your children outright, and your children become divorced after your death, it is possible that the inherited assets could be considered

marital assets subject to equitable distribution. This could be avoided by using a trust.

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# A Comfortable Mattress is Critical to Happy, Healthy Living

As a thankfully busy realtor, I operate best with a good night's sleep. Sometimes that can be elusive.

Some years ago, there was a television commercial for Sealy, the world's largest mattress manufacturer that made me smile each time it ran. Its slogan was "No Matter What You Do in Bed, Sealy Supports It."

It reminded me of the first story I heard about mattresses – "Princess and the Pea." Even as a naïve child, I thought, "Yeah, right, she could feel that pea under 20 mattresses!"

But during my lifelong experimentation with mattresses, some delightfully comfortable and others deplorably torturous, I fashion myself somewhat an expert on them. Today, I might run a close second to the princess about being finicky.

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By Bill Primavera

For my first apartment in New York City, I bought an inexpensive mattress from Macy's and, as I recall, it was the superstore's own brand. Although inexpensive, it was dreamily comfortable. When my future wife came to my apartment for the first time, I showed her my antique sleigh bed, bragging that I probably had the most comfortable mattress ever.

"Why don't you give it a try?" I asked. She refused. Things were different back then.

There is evidence that people have been seeking softer sleeping surfaces for more than 10,000 years. Since the Egyptian Pharaohs had beds of ebony and gold, it is

assumed that they devised something soft to place in them, but common people simply slept on palm bows heaped in a corner.

By Roman times, mattresses were stuffed with reeds, hay, wool or feathers. During the Renaissance, they were made of pea shucks or straw and covered with sumptuous velvets, brocades and silks. Their filling, however, became a banquet for bugs.

In the 16th and 17th centuries, the term "sleep tight" was coined when mattresses were placed on a web of ropes that needed regular tightening to prevent sagging. The second part of that saying, "don't let the bedbugs bite," expressed a condition that was common then and seems to have recently resurfaced with a vengeance. By the late 19th century, cotton mattresses that were less attractive to vermin dominated.

In 1900, James Marshall invented and patented the "pocket coil." A coil was placed inside a pocket made of cotton and individually suspended, with materials placed on top that provided comfort. By the 1930s, innerspring mattresses with upholstered foundations gained the prominent position they still enjoy.

Futons were introduced in the 1940s, foam rubber mattresses appeared in the 1950s, followed by waterbeds in the '60s and airbeds in the '80s. But most of us still

rely on innerspring mattresses.

In selecting a mattress, you might consider the suggestion of the International Sleep Products Association that you spend at least 15 minutes lying on it. Then again, you might not. The last time I bought a mattress, I tried six different models and can't imagine that I would have spent an hour-and-a-half dozing off at Sleepy's.

The primary choices in selecting a mattress are the degrees of firmness and the size. Much of the firmness debate is solved by the new options for adjustability, even for each side of the bed.

Then there is the question of how big the mattress should be. Widths range from 39 inches for a twin to 76 inches for a king. Lengths range from 75 to 84 inches.

While the square footage of homes and the size of bedrooms are shrinking, anyone sharing a bed may think twice about diminishing the size of the bed proportionately. If you share a simple double bed with a partner, you have as much personal sleeping space as a baby in a crib.

Then there's this story from when my wife took her 88-year-old mother to buy a new mattress. The salesman noted that it came with a 20-year guarantee.

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## Tuesday, Oct. 16

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**Art Exhibits:** A series of exhibits are being held at the Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art, 1701 Main St., Peekskill. "Between I & Thou" is on display through Dec. 17. Peter Bynum's "Illumination of the Sacred Forms: Divine Light Mission and Sanctuary" is running through Dec. 17. Info: 914-788-0100, [www.hvcca.org](http://www.hvcca.org) or Facebook.

**Lincoln Depot Museum Event:** Noted historian Bill Wienecke will discuss the Fifth New York "Duryée's" Zouaves from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Lincoln Depot Museum, 10 S. Water St., Peekskill. Admission is \$10; free for museum members. Info: 914-402-4318 or <http://lincolndepotmuseum.org>.

**Support Connection Book Club:** Support Connection announces the next session of their Book Club for Women

with Cancer will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. at New York Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital in Cortlandt. It is open to people living with breast, ovarian or gynecological cancers. To learn more or to pre-register, which is required, call 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290.

## Friday, Oct. 19

**Coloring For Adults:** It's not just for kids, and it's the latest craze. Join our adult coloring book club at the Somers Library. Meetings will be held in the conference room every Friday from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Materials are provided or you may bring your own color pencils and coloring books. Registration is not required. Info: 914 232 5717.

**Maryknoll Film Festival:** The 2018-19 International Film Festival at the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers will open with a screening of "Infinitely Polar Bear" at 7:30 p.m. at Maryknoll, 55 Ryder Rd., Ossining. Everyone is welcome, and admission is free. The film is a 2014 American comedy-drama, written and directed by Maya Forbes. It deals with a manic-depressive father trying to win back his wife. For more information, vis-

it <https://maryknollsociety.org/filmfest> or call 914-941-7590.

**Jewish Center Services:** At the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd., Friday night Sabbath services are held at 8 p.m. And Sabbath services on most Saturdays will be held at 9:30 a.m. After the services Rabbi Sternstein conducts a learning session based on the Torah portion of the week. Light refreshments are served and everyone is invited. Info: 914-245-2324 or [yorktownjewishcenter.org](http://yorktownjewishcenter.org).

## Saturday, Oct. 20

**Ossining Farmers Market:** The Ossining Down to Earth Farmers Market is now being held outdoors on Spring and Market Streets. Customers old and new will find delicious produce, pasture-raised meat, poultry, and eggs, breads, baked goods, and much more. For a full list of our markets and vendors, visit [DowntoEarthMarkets.com](http://DowntoEarthMarkets.com).

**Halloween Train Show:** The 11th annual Halloween Train Show and Fall Festival at Lasdon Park in Somers will be held every weekend in October from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The principal attrac-

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tion of the event will be the huge miniature-railroad layout featuring Lionel Trains in the Main House. There will be music, entertainment, face painting, storybook readings and selected vendors. There will be musical acts throughout the festival including the southern rock sounds of Chamomile & Whiskey, who will perform live on Oct. 21 from 2 to 4 p.m. Food will be available from Fork in the Road Café food truck, which will have a full menu for lunch or early dinner. The Broken Arrow Brewery will offer beer tasting and the Garden Shop will sell fall mums, pumpkins, gifts, food and refreshments. The Veterans Museum will only be open those weekends by advance appointment. Admission is \$5 per child and \$10 per adult. All proceeds benefit the Friends of Lasdon in order to support these programs and events. The event is presented by Westchester County Parks and the Friends of Lasdon. Lasdon Park is located at 2610 Amawalk Road (Route 35) in Somers. For more information go to [westchestergov.com/parks](http://westchestergov.com/parks), [lasdon-park.org](http://lasdon-park.org) or call 914-864-7268.

**Opera Double Bill:** Taconic Opera celebrates its 21th season, bringing together two of the most popular one-act operas ever composed: Giacomo Puccini's "Gianna Schicchi" and Pietro Mascagni's "Cavalleria Rusticana." Matinee performances will be held on Oct. 20, at 3:30 p.m., and at 2 p.m. at the Yorktown Stage, 1974 Commerce St. Tickets are: \$32-\$67, with a \$7 reduction for seniors and a family of four for \$85 (all ages). Student prices are only \$15 regardless of seating selection. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [www.taconicopera.org](http://www.taconicopera.org) or call the toll-free number 855-886-7372.

**Jazz Masters Series:** Westchester Collaborative Theater (WCT) continues its Jazz Masters music series with the Alexis Cole Trio featuring one of Ossining's own, internationally renowned jazz vocalist Cole, appearing for two sets at 7:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Cole, winner of the NY Jazzmobile and Montreux Jazz Festival vocal competitions and the Swing Journal Gold Disk award, will perform an evening of new renditions from The American Songbook in a cabaret setting at WCT's home, 23 Water St., Ossining. Tickets are \$20 per set and can be purchased online at <https://acoletriowct18.brownpapertickets.com/> (limited seating available; advance purchase is strongly recommended.) Refreshments will be available.

**Sunday, Oct. 21**  
**Muscoot Farmers Market:** More than 20 vendors will offer fresh produce and local food products every Sunday through October at Muscoot Farm, located off Route 100 in Somers. Info: 914-864-7282 or [parks.westchestergov.com](http://parks.westchestergov.com).

**Monday, Oct. 22**  
**Musical Munchkins:** The Yorktown Musical Munchkins meet on Mondays from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. at the Yorktown Stage Theater in room 12. The program is for older babies up to the 1's. Free trial

classes are offered. Info: 914-771-7000 or [www.musicalmunchkins.com](http://www.musicalmunchkins.com).

**Free Jazz Sessions:** Free Jazz Jam Sessions are being held every Monday at The Winery at St. George, 1715 E. Main St., Mohegan Lake. Info: 914-455-4272.

**Writers Workshop:** Participants in the Veterans Writing Workshop will be reading excerpts from their work from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Field Gallery at the Field Library, 4 Nelson, Ave., Peekskill. Info: 914-737-0847.

**Tuesday, Oct. 23**

**Breast Cancer Webinar:** Support Connection announces that a free Webinar, Hormonal Therapies for Breast Cancer, will be offered from 8 to 9 p.m. It is open to people nationwide who are living with breast cancer. You can participate via the Webinar or a toll-free teleconference. To learn more or to pre-register, which is required, call Support Connection at 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290.

**Healing Yoga:** Yoga classes for women with breast cancer are held at 5 p.m. on Sundays at Hudson Yoga, 5 Old Post Rd. South, Croton-on-Hudson. Weekly classes are being conducted by rotating instructors. The suggestion is \$15. Info: Ellisha Simpson at 914-319-4010.

**Interfaith Family Program:** Meet other Jewish and interfaith families with kids ages 2-5 at First Hebrew's new jkids program. Enjoy creative and social activities, crafts and songs featuring Jewish holiday themes. The program begins today from 10 to 11:15 a.m.; future dates TBD. RSVP to [fhc@firthebrew.org](mailto:fhc@firthebrew.org) or call 914-739-0500. First Hebrew is on the Cortlandt/Peekskill border at 1821 Main St., Route 6. Visit [www.firthebrew.org](http://www.firthebrew.org).

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## Evolution or Revolution? When the World of Beverages Converges

Over the past few weeks we've explored the science of winemaking. In one column I delved into the evolving creation of four new grape varieties in a French laboratory.

Last week I presented the natural science – the evolution of a bottle of wine from the vineyard through fermentation and aging in barrels.

I'm beginning to notice the manipulation of natural science and laboratory natural science more and more, including crossover products in wineries and breweries.

There is a natural relationship between the production of wine and that of beer. Both products are dependent in their aroma and flavor on the agricultural profile of the grapes and barley/hops grown for specific traits and characteristics. Both products are crafted in a winery/brewery utilizing various strains of yeast; these will affect the fermentation intensity and duration of the finished product. Both products can be manipulated by the use of the numerous options available for storing and aging the end product, be it stainless steel or wood barrels.

I'm noticing more breweries adopting and adapting winemaking techniques and recently I've noticed wineries combining the raw ingredients of the two core components. Much of this is the creativity of young entrepreneurs appealing to a changing demographic desire for new products.

Today's young adult alcohol consumers are enamored with products that veer from the tried and true of previous generations and are willing to spend their disposable income accordingly. Producers are carefully treading into new territories to satiate this burgeoning predilection.

The crossover of brewing into the arena of wine techniques and production has been on the fringes of the craft beer world for several years. A number of brewers are aging select beers in neutral oak barrels (not possessing any distinct aromas or tannins). Exposure to a wood vessel rather than one of stainless steel allows oxygen and the fleeting aromas of oak staves to impart a unique profile to a craft beer. And they have been very popular, although quite limited in production.

However, several craft brewmasters

have advanced this crossover. I read of a beer stored and aged in wood wine barrels fresh from this year's winemaking. The barrels were still moist with grape juice absorbed by the wood staves, thereby imparting a unique style during beer fermentation. A stout ale with hints of Sauvignon Blanc? Perhaps. Check with your local craft beer reseller.

Another crossover beer product is one in which fermenting barley (or other grain) is mixed in vats with fermenting grape juice, again blurring the lines between the two products. Sold as a beer, this hybrid product is still seeking a core market. A stout ale with clear and perhaps competing characteristics of Sauvignon Blanc? I'm not sure in which type of retail shop it would be sold.

The crossover of winemaking into the previously exclusive domain of beer making is quite recent. Taking a page from craft brewers' production trends, several wineries are mixing grapes and grain. Hops used in beer production are fermented and then added to fermenting grapes at the winery, resulting in a wine with unique floral aromas and a bit of hoppy bitterness. A Sauvignon Blanc with hints of stout ale? Sounds refreshing.

And crossover hybrids don't seem isolated to beer and wine. How enticing is the latest offering from Hangar 1: rosé wine-flavored vodka? I'll never know.

Now that my head is swirling from the hybridization and competing aromas and flavors of this emerging beer-wine, wine-beer sub market, I feel compelled to embark on a round of market research to ferret out the crafted, refined products from the lesser, market-hyped offerings. Wish me luck.

Note: I will be hosting a fundraising wine and food-pairing event, featuring little-known Italian wines, to benefit A-Home, a provider of local affordable housing. It is Friday, Nov. 9 at the Holy Innocents Church social hall in Pleasantville at 7 p.m. For tickets (\$75), contact Barbara Coleman at 914-741-0740 or at [bcoleman@a-homehousing.org](mailto:bcoleman@a-homehousing.org).

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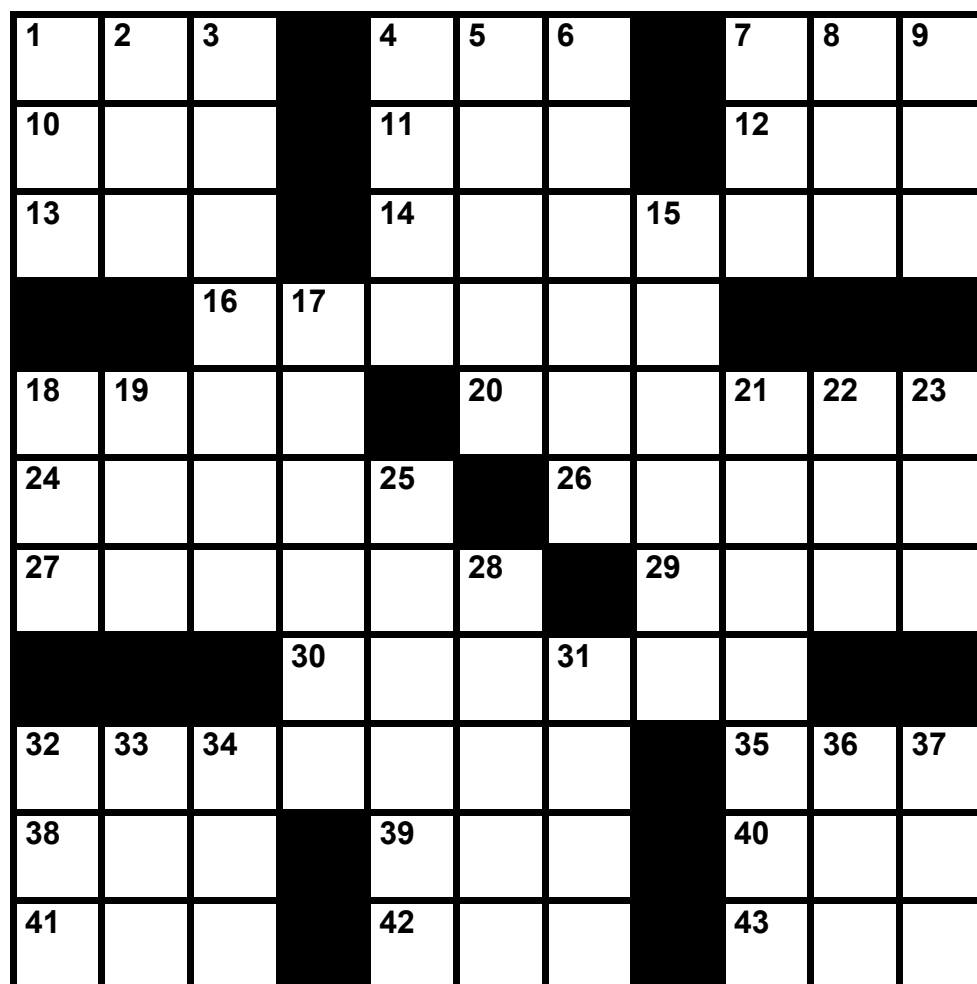


# Crossword

## ACROSS

1. Had an edge
4. Berliner's "Alas!"
7. "2 Fast 2 Furious" actress Mendes
10. Spelling test
11. Comptroller General's agcy.
12. "Ad" or "women's" follower
13. Son with the same name, abbr.
14. Wearing
16. First name in Indian politics
18. A rubdown will leave you coveting more, Massage \_\_\_\_
20. Enter into conflict
24. Christmas carols
26. New Yorktown home of the "Wacky" sandwich, \_\_\_\_ Bear Deli
27. Funds
29. Great Lake
30. Swimming in water
32. "Friends" Emmy winner
35. Farewell
38. Ob- \_\_\_\_
39. Vacuum tube (abbreviation)
40. Place for med. researchers
41. Sweet potato cousin

42. Snicker syllable
  43. Palindromic airline
- Down
1. "War on Poverty" pres.
  2. Poetic dusk
  3. Stemmed from
  4. Got mellower
  5. West Indies native
  6. "Way to go!"
  7. The NY Manning
  8. Successor to Siri
  9. Homer Simpson's father
  15. Shiny fabric
  17. Hose
  18. NYC-to-the-Hamptons dir.
  19. \_\_\_\_ - negotiable
  21. Highland plaids
  22. Year in Nero's reign
  23. Winker
  25. Cloth sample
  28. Cache
  31. Pay to hold a hand
  32. Back then
  33. Home of the UN
  34. \_\_\_\_ hurry
  36. Using
  37. Codgers' replies



## HV Chamber Supports Public Private Partnership of Airport

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Terminal Use Agreement, which strictly limits the number of passengers per hour.

Let's start with the revenue. For decades federal law required that any revenue generated at a government owned airport could only be used for airport purposes; regardless of how much revenue exceeded expenses. Recognizing the provision as outdated and unfair, President Clinton and Congress passed a reform that would allow (after a FAA process) a municipal airport to become part of a Public Private Partnership. That is what is proposed for HPN. The agreement would have the private partner (Macquarie) pay \$ 35 million up front to the public partner (Westchester County) for the privilege of leasing and operating HPN. In addition to up front revenue, annual rent would be paid to the County. Remember every dollar in revenue (passenger fees, rental cars fees, parking) collected today at HPN does not go to the County but to the airport operator (who by the way is paid a fee, instead of paying the county – the county pays them).

Flights cannot increase for two simple

reasons: the terminal building and the number of gates cannot increase unless the Board of Legislators votes to do so; and, the current Terminal Use Agreement, which limits the number of passengers per hour, will remain in place unless the Board of Legislators modifies it. This is all very clearly stated in the PPP agreement.

Under the PPP Agreement, the private partner is responsible for making certain infrastructure improvements (again all spelled out in the agreement) in a timely manner totally on their dime plus whatever grant money they may secure.

The County will continue to own the airport. The PPP agreement is a lease, not a sale.

The PPP agreement includes a host of environmental rules and requirements the operator must install and abide by.

The down side? What happens if after a few years the private entity decides they've had enough? Well the airport operation will become the County's responsibility. But all the upfront funding; all the improvements made, and the entire airport remains the county's property


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tic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY on August 08, 2018. The office of this LLC is located in Westchester County. Secretary of state is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC to **90 Stratford Ave., White Plains, NY 10605. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity.**

**MARK WHALING** being a natural person of at least eighteen years of age and acting as the organizer of the limited liability company formed under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York certifies that the name of the limited liability company is Whaleshark, LLC. The Articles of Organization were filed with the State on August 31, 2018. The purpose of the limited liability company is to engage in any lawful act or activity within the purposes for which limited liability company companies may be organized pursuant to Limited Liability Company Law. The office of the limited liability company is to be located in Westchester County. The address of the limited liability company is **10 Ormond Place, Rye, NY 10580. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served.**

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# Good-Time Charlie!

## Somers Grounds, Pounds Yorktown, 26-7



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Somers junior HB Charlie Balancia (7) gets a block from sophomore FB Jack Kaiser and scoots for a good chunk of the 249 yards and four TDs the dynamic duo would combine for against Yorktown DB/QB Tommy Weaver (5) and the former defending Section 1 Class A champion Huskers, who were eliminated from the playoffs in the host Tuskers' 26-7 triumph last Friday. Seventh-seeded Somers will next face No.3 Lourdes in the sectional quarterfinals Friday (7 p.m.)... see Grid Notebook



# Sports

## Grid Notebook

# Class A Somers, AA Carmel Advance; Yorktown, Mahopac Eliminated

By Ray Gallagher  
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It's win or go home, from this point on. A win means you live to play another meaningful week. A loss means your playoff hopes are dashed, like it was for Class A Yorktown and Class AA Mahopac, who's Week 7 losses signaled the beginning of the end. Class AA Carmel and Class A Somers were the only two large school grid teams to survive and advance into the post season. Haldane and Tuckahoe, the only competitors in Class D, will square off in the finals while Putnam Valley is one of seven Class B teams to automatically qualify.

### CLASS A

**YORKTOWN** QB Tommy Weaver did his best scrambling Russell Wilson impersonation last Friday night. Under intense pressure from a formidable SOMERS front seven, Weaver displayed the heart of the champion he is, dodging a slew of Tuskers who would not be denied their pound of flesh in their 26-7 Section 1 Class A opening-round victory over the 2017 NYS runner-up Huskers (3-4).

Behind another staggering performance from Somers FB Jack Kaiser, the seventh-seeded Tuskers (5-2) advanced to the



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Carmel Rams pose with the coveted Bryan Higgins Memorial Trophy for 4th-straight year after 34-21 win over Mahopac Friday.

Friday's quarterfinals where they will face No.3 Our Lady of Lourdes, ranked No.28 in NYS.

Kaiser, the burly sophomore sensation, ran for three more touchdowns, giving him 22 for the season, eight off the school record set by All-NYS HB Messiah Horne in 2016, one off the 23 recorded by HB

Stefano Bicknese in 2013.

"Our offensive and defensive fronts were just being beasts," Kaiser said.

While Kaiser did the heavy lifting between the tackles (136 yards on 21 carries, 113 yards and 16 carries in the first half), junior HB Charlie Balancia provided the shake and bake outside

the tackles (111 yards on 20 carries), providing a one-two punch the Huskers could not contain. Somers' defense did its part, holding limited the 10th-seeded Huskers to just 45 rushing yards. Yorktown's lone score at the end of the third quarter fueled hope for a comeback and cut the deficit to 20-7, but Balancia picked up a Somers fumble and scooted 41 yards for a touchdown with 5:48 left in the fourth.

"Sometimes, it's better to be lucky than good," Balancia cracked.

The Tuskers crushed the ground game again, and the unit looks like it's just starting to scratch the surface of how good it can be as the playoffs take flight for the 2017 runner-ups.

"Yorktown showed us a lot of different looks this time around to try and stop our ground and pound," Balancia said. "Every single yard was hard fought and our line blocked the way they always do. It was business as usual and we just kept pounding the rock. It took our entire team to pull away, especially our defensive line



Yorktown QB Tommy Weaver is pursued by Somers DE Logan D'Anna in Huskers' 27-6 Class A playoff lost to Tuskers last Friday.



Carmel QB Peyton Cayea is dragged down inches short of TD by Mahopac DB Drew Riolo in Rams' 34-21 win over Indians Friday.



Somers FB Jack Kaiser is congratulated by teammate TJ Deegan (29) after scoring TD in playoff win over Yorktown last Friday.



Somers FB Jack Kaiser is chased by Yorktown's Reese Andrews but rips off a chunk of his 136 yards in Tuskers' 26-7 win over Huskers last Friday.



Mahopac WR Luis Rossi hauls in 40-yard TD strike QB Anthony Corrado in Indians' 34-21 loss to Carmel.

who are unstoppable with Matt Soden finally healthy?"

Weaver found his mark on nine of 23 passes for 180 yards, including a 13-yard TD strike to TE Naim Sinanaj.

No.10 Yorktown will face Byram Hills in an attempt to qualify for a bowl game in Week 9.

No.11 **HEN HUD** (3-4) had its post-season hopes dashed in a 25-12 loss at No.6 Nyack. The Sailors will take on Clarkstown North, looking to move on in the non-playoff bowl series.

### CLASS AA

**CARMEL** (5-2) posed with the hardware for a fourth-straight year after defeating visiting **MAHOPAC** (2-5), 34-21, to hoist the coveted Bryan Higgins Memorial Trophy for the 16th time in 25 years under Coach Todd Cayea, who watched proudly as his son, QB Peyton

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# Sports

## Grid Notebook

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Carmel's Andy Parisi (77), wide-eyed Joey Pelligrino (1), Jason Rahming (32) and Gianluca Piccolino are set to celebrate their 34-21 win over Mahopac.

Cayea, was a major contributor for a third time.

"Yeah the kids played very, very well and Peyton had a pretty good game," Coach Cayea said of Peyton, who rushed for 127 yards on 15 carries and completed 6 of 13 passes for 85 yards, including a 35-yard TD strike to TE Brian McCabe. "I made

one of the worst calls of my career at the end of the first half and kind of gave them that touchdown, and that was my fault. I told the kids to rally behind me and I'll make up for it.

"Our defense allowed a fourth down touchdown but really stepped up after their long punt return had put them in good field position," Cayea added. "Offensively, we played one of our best games, but we still shot ourselves in the foot. Going into the playoffs, we've got to keep grinding and clean that up.

Mahopac has gotten much better. I was really impressed with how well they played against Arlington (the week before) and I told Coach DeMatteo that they continue to play hard even though they've struggled to win some games. It never gets old winning these Higgins games."

But it did get dicey when Mahopac QB Anthony Corrado drilled a pinpoint pass to WR Luis Rossi for a 40-yard TD pass to get the Indians within six at 27-2, but the Rams methodically worked into the Indians' zone before Cayea hit McCabe in stride for the final measure.

Carmel HB Same Duke ran for 182 yards on 24 carries, including a 45-yard scoring jaunt on the Rams' first play from scrimmage. Versatile Joe Mascetta added two rushing touchdowns for the Rams.

"Every time I give Sam the ball I know we have a chance for it to pop," Cayea said. "To have a running back like that just opens things up in the passing game and makes my life so much easier because they can't just key on me. I just want to give a



Mahopac's Drew Riolo (8) leaves a wake of Rams in his dust in Indians' 34-21 loss to Carmel last Friday.

shout out to my teammates and my line. The line is the only reason why I'm able to continue to run, and I have great people to throw to like Brian McCabe who is just a straight beast. Playing for my dad is just great and winning the Higgins trophy again for a fourth-straight year is just great. We played good tonight, but we still haven't reached our potential, and we'll need to reach our potential against the John Jays and New Rochelles."

Carmel's defensive unit was stout, limiting Mahopac RB Tim Cegielski to just 15 yards and a short TD burst (his 7th of the year) on 11 carries and held the team to just 27 yards on the ground and 103 yards passing.

"The defense has been our strength all season," Cayea said.

The Rams secured the No.6 seed in the playoffs and will visit No.3 Mamaroneck (tentatively set for Friday 7 p.m.). The 13th-seeded Indians, who competed hard to the final whistle, will face No.13 North Rockland in a non-playoff bowl series game.

**Higgins Notes:** Without the internet to provide reliable info before the turn of the century, the following nuggets are fairly accurate but not 100% guaranteed: Carmel now holds a 26-20 edge over Mahopac since 1974; Carmel won 10 of 11 Higgins games from 1997-2008; the first Higgins trophy game was 1988, won by Mahopac with a 9-0 regular season; since 1988 Carmel now holds a 20-11 edge for Higgins trophy rights; Carmel has now gone 16-8 in Higgins games since Coach Cayea took over in 1995 and 17-8 overall against the Indians.



Mahopac's Drew Riolo hops aboard Carmel's Andrew Bumgarner in Indians' 34-21 loss to Rams.



Somers DL's Matt Soden (41) and Charlie Grindrod harass Yorktown QB Tommy Weaver in Tuskers' 26-7 win over Huskers Friday.



Mahopac QB Anthony Corrado unleashes pass in Indians' 34-21 loss to Carmel Friday.

**Championship Schedule:** All five Section 1 championship games will be played at Mahopac High School. The Class B and A games are slated for 4:30 and 7:30, respectively, on Nov. 2. The Class D, AA and C games will follow at 11, 2 and 5, respectively, on Nov. 3.

### CLASS B

After a 28-6 loss at Nanuet in Week 5, No.6 PUTNAM VALLEY (1-5) will head right back this Saturday for a 6:00 p.m. against the third-seeded Golden Knights in the opening round of the playoffs in Week 7. In Week 6, the Tigers fell 30-12 at Class C Woodlands, which wasn't a good sign for their playoff aspirations.

### CLASS D

**HALDANE** improved to 5-1 after the Blue Devils saw four different ball carriers reach paydirt in a 42-16 rout of Rye Neck, including a masterful effort by senior RB Sam Giachinta (2 TDs, 214 yards, 24 carries). Daniel Santos, Thomas Percacciolo and sophomore Darrin Santos (2TDs) all scored. Brad Dowd had seven tackles for the Blue Devils, who visit Valhalla Friday (7 p.m.).



# Sports

## Soccer Notebook

# Ossining on Class AA Prowl; Mahopac Gals Survive John Jay EF

By Ray Gallagher  
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When you boil it down to the bare bones, we're looking at three legit boys' soccer title contenders from this Northern Westchester/Putnam County neck of the

Section 1 woods.

**OSSINING** is a truly legitimate Class AA title contender for the first time since 2002. With Mateo Marra (21G, 6A) and Nolan Lenaghan (13G, 10A) working in tandem this season, the state-ranked (No.9) Pride (12-1-2) are thinking one thing: Hoist the Section 1 title plaque for the first time ever. And when you throw in playmaker Alessio Hernandez (4G, 11A) it's hard to lock off all three.

They take their soccer pretty serious over there in O-Town and are certainly mindful of last year's opening-round elimination at the hands of Mamaroneck, but hopes are higher than they've been in some 15 years.

Coach Joe Scamarone's club is far better suited to deal with the rigors of post-season play this year, though, and the Pride are looking at a top 1-2 seed, along with sole ownership of the league title for the first time since 2010 after a 3-1 win over Port Chester Friday.

Against White Plains, Marra gave the Pride a 3-2 lead with nine minutes remaining in last Wednesday's 3-3 tie with the Tigers, but darkness set in and overtime could not be played.

season, indeed, but the Pride are about to enter the win or go home stage of life against the likes of foes like Arlington and No.11 North Rockland; something that has been cruel in recent years...

### CLASS A

**SOMERS** (9-3), ranked No.20 in NYS, and **YORKTOWN** (10-4, unranked), remain legit contenders from this neck of the woods, and **BREWSTER** (8-7), despite its inconsistency, cannot be overlooked when healthy, though the recent 3-1 loss to **CARMEL** was a head-scratcher.

Across the river, state-ranked (No.12) Tappan Zee was sent for a loop in a 2-1 loss to Pearl River, leaving state-ranked (No.4) Horace Greeley (12-0-1) as the lone undefeated team in Class A, the two likely snagging the top seeds in the upcoming playoffs. We're still looking at as many as 5-6 legit title contenders at the time of this writing, including Byram Hills (10-2-1), Nyack, and now Pearl River.

Somers extracted a tad of revenge for last year's stunning playoff loss to Nyack with a 2-1 overtime win last Wednesday when Tusker striker Lucas Fecci assisted middie Jon Riina for the tie, then scored the golden goal of a feed from Max Grell.

The Tuskers followed up that win with 4-1 win over rebuilding Lakeland Friday. Max Grell, Alex Maher, Ethan Cukaj and Diego Giron scored for the Tuskers with assists going to Drew Lasher, Fecci and Riina.

Despite a losing season, Lakeland Coach Tim Hourahan is still a tremendous ambassador of the game as the Hornets hosted the Section 9 vs. Section 1 Challenge on Columbus Day (Section 1 took 3 of 5 matches) and raised nearly \$3,000 for cancer.

Timmy O'Callaghan scored for the Huskers, the feed coming from Rocky Bujaj in a 1-0 win over John Jay last Wednesday. Husker G James D'Alessio (5 saves) to earn his seventh shutout of the season and added his eighth on Thursday when the Huskers followed that up with a 3-0 win over visiting Brewster on Thursday. Shane Dahlke, Jorge Torres-Solari and Michael O'Connor scored for the surging defending Section 1 Class AA champion Huskers, winners of five-straight.

Carmel's Jaiah Gottor, J.D. Vargas and



Ossining players celebrate their league championship win over Port Chester Friday.



RICK KUPERBERG/BOB KASTNER/RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS  
Yorktown's Chayce Buono (L) and Somers' Mia Klayman get after it in Huskers' 1-0 loss to Tuskers.



Brewster's Ryan Cabiati takes a flying leap at Yorktown's Rocky Bujaj in Bears' 3-0 loss to Huskers last Thursday.



Mahopac junior Carly Steinberg notched hat trick in 4-3 win over John Jay EF Saturday.



Yorktown's Chayce Buono looks on as Somers' Alix Goldman heads one forward in Huskers' 1-0 loss to Tuskers.

Lenaghan scored twice.

Against Port Chester, Marra inched closer to making his 2018 season historical, in fact: With 16 goals over his last eight matches, Marra is poised to break the single season school record set by Alex Tejera (22). Marra's second goal against the PC Rams was his 21st of the season. He could/should abolish that record in the season finale against John Jay CR.

It's been a special regular



Somers' Jessica Rodriguez heads ball into zone despite the denial by Yorktown's Hailey Soliz in Tuskers' 1-0 win over Huskers.

from Feehan and the game winner from Valentin Markaj, who sent an emotional crowd home with tears of joy after the initial tears of sadness during an poignant pre-game ceremony to honor the passing of fallen teammate Oscar Gonzalez, the welcoming, wide-eyed teen who passed in a tragic drowning incident at the start of the season.

**LAKELAND** (3-11-1) is currently the No.24 seed in Class A, which is only worth mentioning because the Hornets, a perennial contender, haven't been in this position in years.

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## Sports

## Volleyball Notebook

# Hen Hud Looking to Recapture Championship Glory

By Tony Pinciario

Through the first six weeks of the high school volleyball season there has been one dominant constant in Class A – **HENDRICK HUDSON**.

This should come as no surprise considering the tradition three-time NYS champion Coach Diane Swertfager and her players have established. Swertfager, who recently became a grandmother, welcoming a grandson, has her team at the forefront of Class A with one week remaining in the regular.

The undefeated Sailors completed a 3-0 week with a sweep, 26-24, 25-13, 25-22, of previously perfect Nyack. This followed up sweeps of Beacon and Fox Lane.

Hen Hud is 14-0 and on course to earn the top seed in the Section 1 Class A Volleyball Championships. The Sailors are also determined to regain the sectional title which they last won in 2015. **WALTER PANAS** has captured the last two sectional and state Class A titles.

Senior and captain, Ashely Perez, felt optimistic coming into the 2018 season, especially with fellow returning seniors Pam Loh, Supriya Baskaran, Thalia Oliveira and Lara Castaneda forming the veteran nucleus.

“Coming back, we had the base team and same team dynamic,” said Perez, a four-year varsity player. “We knew that we worked well together and we have great teamwork. We have that mentality that we can always do better and strive for greatness.”

Along with being undefeated, Hen Hud has not lost a set this season. Even with this tremendous play, the Sailors prepare for every match with one thing in mind.

“We never underestimate an opponent,” Perez said. “We look at everything they are good at and successful at and prepare for it.”

Hen Hud was prepared for everything Nyack brought and neutralized the Indians at the net, led by Caitlin Weimar, who had a team-high 11 blocks and also 11 kills. Perez added a match-leading

19 service points, 10 blocks, eight digs and seven kills. Ashanti Davis registered nine blocks. Callie Pidoriani collected 12 assists and Pam Loh rang up 12 digs.

“We knew how much this match meant and how important it was for both teams,” Perez said. “Nyack is a very good team and it was a pleasure to play them. It took us to another level of confidence.”

The first game, 26-24, was a nail-biter, but a veteran Hen Hud team maintained its composure and would not be rattled.

“The win will help us going into sectionals when we are playing harder teams, like Nyack,” Perez said. “We rose to the occasion, but we think we can always do better. There are always things we can fix and improve on for our next match.”

Hen Hud also handled Beacon in three games, spearheaded by Madison Lupica’s career-best 11 kills. Baskaran rang up a match-high 23 service points and Loh added 12 service points. Pidoriani finished with 20 assists and Mackensie Calhoun contributed 13 assists.

In the sweep of Fox Lane, Davis had a career-high 11 kills and Weimar chipped in 10. Perez collected 10 service points and 12 digs, Pidoriani had eight service points, 17 assists and seven digs, Weimar registered 10 blocks and Loh had nine digs and six service points.

Hen Hud has a very busy final week of the regular season. The Sailors played John Jay-East Fishkill, Monday, and will play Horace Greeley, Peekskill and Poughkeepsie.

Following consecutive New York State Class A championships, the 2018 season did not start ideally for Walter Panas with three losses in its first five matches.

The Panthers had to adjust to graduating six seniors, including five starters, from the 2017 state-title team. Three of the graduates are currently playing collegiately, highlighted by Yvette Burescu at Tulane. Panas also welcomed a new coach in Ashley Murphy, who was the assistant last year to former coach, Joe Felipe.

Even with a rough start, Panas has regained its mojo, winning six consecutive matches, improving to 8-3.

“It was really difficult, at first,” said senior and captain Alexis Diaz. “The six seniors brought a lot to our team, but we wanted to focus on the upcoming season and not dwell on the past. Coach Murphy was our assistant coach last year so the transition was definitely easier. She and Coach Felipe have similar coaching styles. If we had a completely new coach with a new coaching style it might have affected the team. We also have Coach (Kurt) Pelaccio back. In him and Coach Murphy we have two coaches who we are comfortable with and know the team dynamic.”

John Jay-Cross River, Nyack and Pelham defeated Panas when the Panthers were going through the transition stage. It was difficult for Diaz and fellow senior Jenna Braun to encounter, but the Panthers were determined to prove a point.

“In preseason and the early part of the season, it was kind of hard not having those six seniors, who were probably the starters all through their high school years,” Diaz said. “We had to figure out a whole new system of how to do things. The beginning of October is when we

started to put everything together.”

The progress Panas has made from the first day of practice, when it was practically a new team, to now has been tremendous.

“It’s an amazing feeling,” said Diaz of Panas’ resurgence. “As a senior, you always want your last season to end on a positive note. From how things were going in the beginning of the season, when it was kind of tough, to how things have been improving, it’s a really great feeling. We’re coming together and things are starting to click.”

**LAKELAND** continued rolling with sweeps of Yorktown and Brewster, improving to 9-2 on the season, including 5-1 in league play.

Emily Kubiscko led the way in the 25-11, 25-9, 25-14 triumph of Yorktown. Kubiscko finished with seven aces, eight kills and 13 digs. Victoria Tsui collected 10 assists and five aces, Caitlin Wisker had four aces and five kills and Anna Tomasini added six kills and three blocks.

In the 25-23, 25-10, 25-11 victory over Brewster, Kubiscko registered seven aces, 10 kills and 10 digs. Tsui registered 13 assists and four aces and

Christina Kubiscko had a match-leading 15 digs.

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#### GIRLS NOTES:

**MAHOPAC's** Carly Steinberg went off for a hat trick in the Indians' 4-3 win over John Jay EF on Saturday when the program raised a ton of awareness for breast cancer. Katrina Klammer added a goal for the regrouped Indians (9-4), who are still hoping to secure a top 4 seed in Class AA.

“We have to increase our speed of play,” Mahopac boss Ross Fumusa said. “We are still very optimistic about making a deep run in sectionals.”

**SOMERS** is coming on strong at

the right time after a 1-0 win over **YORKTOWN** (6-8) and another 1-0 win over Bronxville in double OT when Jessica Rodriguez dropped a penalty kick with just over three minutes left in the second OT for the win. Emily Heese made nine saves for the shutout.

Somers (11-3) also posted a 5-1 win over Carmel when Ella Kittredge had two goals and one assist in the win. Sarah DiRubbo added one goal and one assist. Angelina Hurtado and Jordan May also scored for the surging Tuskers, who have won 11 of the last 12, the lone loss being a

2-0 setback to undefeated John Jay -- CR.

“We are doing our best to prepare our team,” Somers Coach Paul Saia said of his Tuskers, who look like a No.5 seed for now. “We always have high expectations, but certainly take nothing for granted. There are some fine teams out there in class A, so I expect it to be a tough go for everyone. By design, our approach is to take one game at a time, and so far that seems to be working, as we have won 10 of 11. We are 11-3 as of today. Our team is truly that – a team. We have no superstars and rely on everyone to work together

and do their jobs so we can function as a unit.”

**LAKELAND** (9-5) and **WALTER PANAS** (8-5-1) should also be among the top 10 seeds when the playoffs begin this week. Both are having solid seasons. Panas lost 2-1 in OT to John Jay – CR, which could secure the No.2 seed in the playoffs, so the Panthers discovered something about themselves in the loss.

Jay is a really good team,” Panas Coach Kyle Pierce said. “Our girls showed they can play tough, hard soccer against one of the best teams in Class A.”

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